

Stakeholder Workshop Results

Caltrans conducted stakeholder workshops from February through April 2010 at strategic locations targeted at metropolitan planning organizations and regional transportation planning agencies in the map on page 24. At this early stage in the California Interregional Blueprint development process, transportation professionals were invited to learn more about the California Interregional Blueprint, provide input on the statewide model framework, and validate the overall California Interregional Blueprint concept.

By all measures, these workshops were successful. Attendance met or exceeded expectations, with 227 MPO and RTPA stakeholders attending and most of them participating in the interactive polling. An additional 653 stakeholders participated by webcast. Although they could not participate in the polling, they were able to provide comments and questions by email.

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Cindy McKim, Caltrans Director, addressing participants at the Sacramento workshop.

The following is a summary of the key interactive polling and comments. (A complete Stakeholder Workshop Report can be found on the California Interregional Blueprint web portal at www.californiainterregionalblueprint.org.) The webcast for each of the workshops can also be viewed on the California Interregional Blueprint web portal.

It is important to note that the interactive polling conducted at the workshops was designed to stimulate discussion and understanding of the perspectives of the various participants. The polling results should be understood in light of those observations and conclusions.

STATEWIDE SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA INTERREGIONAL BLUEPRINT

Stakeholders across the State overwhelmingly supported the concept of the California Interregional Blueprint.

A selection of specific comments made during the workshops follows:

What We Heard:

- Addressing climate change is an important task of the California Interregional Blueprint.
- Highlighting regional best practices in the face of limited resources is important.
- The need for partnerships is critical.
- The multimodal, holistic perspective that the California Interregional Blueprint offers is necessary.



STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA INTERREGIONAL BLUEPRINT

When asked whether they saw a role for themselves in the California Interregional Blueprint effort, most respondents indicated “yes.”

What We Heard:

- Share data and planning information.
- Ensure regional transportation plans are linked to State plans and the interregional blueprint.
- Educate stakeholders on public health and the transportation connection.

RURAL SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA INTERREGIONAL BLUEPRINT

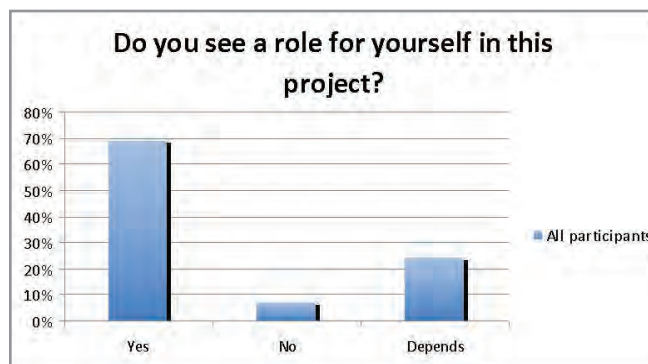
When presented with the following issues, rural stakeholders (in Redding) felt these accurately described challenges unique to rural areas:

- Safety is a significant concern in rural areas.
- Goods movement has particular impact on the rural and interregional system.
- Funding transportation to sparse, widely distributed population is challenging.
- There is a lack of communication infrastructure, particularly broadband.

What We Heard:

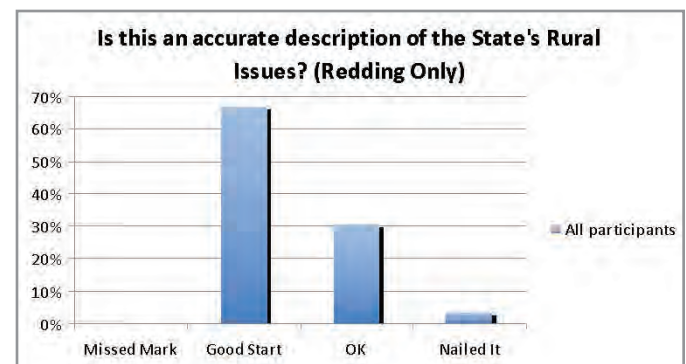
- There is a need to consider the impact of recreational traffic (weekend traffic), not just commuter traffic, on rural roads.
- There is concern about cross-border impacts (for example, Del Norte County and the State of Oregon).
- Sample size in rural areas for household travel survey is too small, so may need oversampling.
- How rural regional transportation planning agencies fit into the California Interregional Blueprint versus the metropolitan planning organizations needs to be addressed.

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